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THE

CUSTOMS and ORDERS

OF THE

LORD MAYOR,

Aldermen, Sheriffs, Four-and-
Twenty, *and* Commons,

OF THE

CITY of YORK,

TOUCHING

The Wearing of their several Gowns, and
the several Treats or Entertainments at
Elections and Admittance into Council,
and other antient Customs:

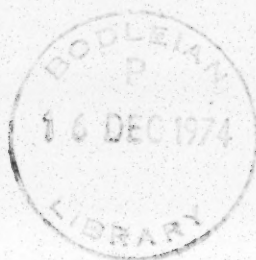
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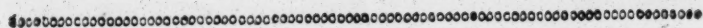
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Days for SCARLET GOWNS.

THE Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Four-and-twenty wear their Scarlet Gowns lined with Fur, upon the 15th of *January*, for the Election of Lord Mayor, if not *Sunday*; and, if *Sunday*, [on the 16th of *January*: And upon the 3d Day of *February*, commonly called *St. Blaze's Day*, for Swearing the Lord Mayor: And upon every Election of an Alderman: And upon the 21st Day of *September*, if not *Sunday*; and, if *Sunday*, then on the 22d of *September*, for Election of Sheriffs: And at the Election of a Lord Mayor or Sheriff, in the room of a Lord Mayor or Sheriff dying in his Office: And upon *Christmas-Day*, *St. Stephen's Day*, *New-Year's-Day*, *Twelfth-Day*, *Easter-Sunday*,
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and *Whitsunday*, and upon all rejoicing Days, at the Minster. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen wear Scarlet Gowns also on the first Day of every Assizes and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

The Lord Mayor wears his Scarlet Gown every Day in the Assizes when he sits with the Judge, and every Day of Adjournment of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

The Sheriffs wear Black Court-Gowns from *Michaelmas-Day*, when they enter upon their Office, as often as they appear at the Sessions or at the Minster, 'till their Riding-Day, which is on *Wednesday* Se'n-night after *Martinmas-Day*: And on that Day they wear the Black stiffen'd Gowns lined with Fur; and after that Day wear Scarlet Gowns lined with Fur, when the
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Lord Mayor wears his Scarlet Gown. Black Velvet Tippets, with gilded Acorns at the Ends, are also worn by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen with their Scarlet or Black Gowns.

The Sheriffs also wear Tippets on the Day of their Riding and Grand Feast; and from that Day at Assizes and Sessions, and on other Days when they wear their Scarlet or Black stiffen'd Gowns, and when they attend my Lord Mayor to the Minster every *Sunday* during their Office.

The Sheriffs hold their *Court of Pleas* on *Ouse-Bridge* once a-week, in their Black Court-Gowns, *et de Die in Diem*, in Case of a Prisoner.

Black Gowns, stiffen'd, are worn by the Lord Mayor, and also by the Sheriffs
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the Day of their Riding; and after on every *Sunday* (except as before-mentioned) and *Good-Friday*; and they, and also the Twenty-four, appear in their said Black Gowns, at the Council-Chamber upon *Ouse-Bridge*, on all Council-Days, when summoned by my Lord Mayor.

Black Court-Gowns are worn by the Commoners at all Elections of Members of the said Corporation.

The Twenty-four and Commoners appear in their Black Gowns; that is to say, the Twenty-four in Black stiffen'd Gowns lined with Fur, and the Commoners in Black Court-Gowns, when returned on Juries before the Judge of Assize at the Crown End. .

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The three Scarlet Cloaks are worn on the Lord Mayor's Swearing-Day, by the old Lord Mayor, new Lord Mayor, and Mr. Recorder; and, on the Proclamation of every new King or Queen, or extraordinary Days appointed for rejoicing by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Recorder, and eldest Alderman present.

The Chamberlains wear Black Court-Gowns when in the Common-Hall, or searching for false Weights and Measures.

The Lord Mayor wears every Day during his Office, when he appears in Public, (when the Scarlet or stiffen'd Gowns are not appointed) a Black Court-Gown made of Paduasoye. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs' black stiffen'd Gowns are lined or faced with Fur, on
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and from the first *Sunday* in *October*, 'till the first *Sunday* in *April*; on which Day they begin to wear the said Black Gowns faced with Velvet, 'till the first *Sunday* in *October*.

The Brazen Horn, turn'd over from Sheriffs to Sheriffs, to be worn by the eldest Serjeant at Mace on the Sheriffs' Riding-Day.

TREATS at the Common-Hall.

AT the Election of LORD MAYOR, twelve Gallons of Red and White Wine; whereof five Gallons in the inner Room, and six Gallons to the Commoners, (to be divided equally amongst the Wards) and one Gallon to the Chamberlains.

lains. Six Shillings - worth of white Manchet Halfpenny Rolls; whereof four Dozen of Rolls to the Commoners, *viz.* one Dozen to every Ward, and the rest to the inner Room. Two Table-Cloths and six Napkins in the inner Room; a Pound and a Half of refin'd Loaf-Sugar, 24 Cups for burnt Wine, two Tea-Kettles for burning it, and 24 Drinking-Glassess for cold Wine, at the Expence of the Person elected; and Wine and Sugar in Tankards, and two Biscuits, for each Member that sets the Lord Mayor Elect home.

AT the Election of an ALDERMAN, eleven Gallons of Red and White Wine; whereof five Gallons in the inner Room, and six Gallons to the Commoners, *viz.* six Quarts to every Ward; six Shillings

Shillings in Bread, divided as above;
and two Table-Cloths, six Napkins, and
a Pound and a Half of Sugar.

Cups, Glassess, and Tea-Kettles, as
before, at the Expence of the Person
elected.

AT the Election of SHERIFFS, or at
the Election of one SHERIFF, ele-
ven Gallons of Red and White Wine,
and six Shillings in Bread, as last before-
mentioned for an Alderman; as also the
two Table-Cloths, six Napkins, Sugar,
Cups, Glassess, and two Tea-Kettles, as at
the Election of an Alderman, at the Ex-
pence of the Person or Persons elected.

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TREATS at the Council-Chamber.

EACH Alderman sworn into Council provides six Gallons of Red and White Wine, four Neats' Tongues, a Pound of Butter, a Quart of *Lucca* Olives, half a Pound of best Tobacco, four Dozen of Pipes, 10 Napkins, 24 Plates, and three Shillings in Bread. Mustard, Knives, two Dozen of Drinking-Dlasses, and two Water-Glasses, at the Expence of the Person so sworn into Council.

THE two Sheriffs (or if only one instead of one dying in his Office) provide the like Treat of six Gallons of Red and White Wine, four Neats' Tongues, Olives, Bread, Tobacco, Pipes, Napkins, Plates, Glasses, &c. at the Expence of the Person or Persons so sworn.

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THE six Chamberlains (after they have paid, or secured to be paid, each twenty Nobles) are sworn into their Office, and provide the like Treat of six Gallons of Red and White Wine, four Neats' Tongues, one Quart of *Lucca* Olives, half a Pound of best Tobacco, four Dozen of Pipes, 10 Napkins, 24 Plates, three Shillings in Bread, Mustard, Knives, and two Dozen of Drinking-Glasses: And my Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Four-and-twenty, send the Chamberlains four Quarts of Wine down, from themselves, into the Exchequer Court.—This Treat at the Expence of the Chamberlains.

THE Cap of Maintenance, given by King *James* I. to the Lord Mayor, is worn by the Sword-Bearer; and the Emperor *Sigismund's* Sword borne by the
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Sword-Bearer before my Lord Mayor on every *Christmas-Day* and Lord Mayor's Swearing-Day.

ON *New-Year's-Day* the Lord Mayor gives New-Year-Gifts as hereunder:—To each Esquire, Five Shillings; to the Town-Clerk's Clerk, Five Shillings; to each of the Officers at Mace, Two Shillings and Sixpence; to the Porter, Two Shillings and Sixpence; and they and their Wives do that Day dine with my Lord Mayor, according to antient Custom.

ON the Election-Day of Lord Mayor, the Staff of Honour is borne by the Right-Hand Sheriff, going between the two Esquires, immediately before the
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Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor Elect, to the new Lord Mayor's House; and there the said Sheriff presents the same to his Lady, wishing her Joy of her Honour.

AT the Swearing-Day of the new Lord Mayor, the Sword-Bearer supports the Book whilst Mr. Recorder repeats the Oath to his Lordship; and, after he is sworn, the Sword-Bearer takes the Gold Chain from off the old Lord Mayor's Neck, and puts it about the new Lord Mayor's Neck. And the new Lord Mayor takes the Chair, and the old Lord Mayor sits next him on his Right Hand that Day in Court, and at his Left Hand at Dinner.

